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SUBJECT: SADAT SPEECH TO NAC

SUMMARY. CAIRO PRESS HIGHLIGHTED THREE ASPECTS OF SADAT NAC
SPEECH: ISRAEL, NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE NAC ACTION, AND
LEBANON. END SUMMARY.

2. CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 17 DOMINATED BY SADAT ACTIVITIES IN
COLOMBO WITH NUMEROUS PHOTOS. PRESS BANNERS ANTI-ISRAELI
PORTIONS, E.G. AHAM "ISRAEL NEEDS A NEW LESSON TO DISSIPATE
HER ILLUSIONS OF SUPERIORITY AND DOMINATION". PRESIDENT SAID
LESSON MUST CONVINCE ISRAEL THAT THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL
NOT ALLOW HER TO CONTINUE CHALLENGING THEIR COLLECTIVE WILL
REGARDLESS OF THE POWERS THAT STAND BEHIND HER. IT WAS NO
ACCIDENT, SADAT SAID, THAT EGYPT LAUNCHED OCTOBER WAR ONE MONTH
AFTER LAST NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WHERE IT RECEIVED COLLECTIVE
SUPPORT. PRESIDENT CLAIMED ISRAEL HAD DEVOTED ITSELF TO
BECOMING A SOURCE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB AND
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AFRICAN PEOPLES AND AN INSTRUMENT AND ALLY OF THE RACIST

REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE DENOUNCED TEL AVIV-PRETORIA AXIS WHICH HAS SOUGHT TO TERRORIZE AFRICAN AND ARAB PEOPLES BY THREATENING PRODUCTION AND USE OF NUCLEAR ARMS. PRESIDENT SAID "THOSE RACISTS" HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT "WE ARE NOT FRIGHTENED BY SUCH THEATRICAL MOVES."

2. PRESIDENT APPEALED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE, COLLECTIVE POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND ECONOMIC ACTION BY NAC SO THAT NO COUNTRY WOULD TAKE THEIR RESOLUTIONS LIGHTLY IN THE FUTURE. NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, HE SAID, MUST KEEP PACE WITH RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD, PARTICULARLY DETENTE BETWEEN US AND USSR WHICH LEADING TO INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN SUPER POWERS. HOWEVER, DETENTE HAD BEEN CONFINED TO CERTAIN AREAS OF THE WORLD AND MOST COUNTRIES HAD YET TO BENEFIT. CERTAIN BIG POWERS (READ SOVIETS) ADOPT POLICY OF DETENTE AS A SCREEN TO CREATE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND SANCTION THEIR INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. PRACTICE OF GREAT POWERS TO SETTLE ISSUES OUTSIDE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WAS TREND THAT WOULD WEAKEN ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. SLOGANS AND RESOUNDING WORDS ARE NO LONGER OF ANY USE; REAL TEST WOULD BE ACHIEVEMENT.

3. SADAT ALSO CALLED FOR NAC TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO LEBANON, A COUNTRY IN A SENSITIVE STRATEGIC POSITION WHICH FOR MORE THAN A YEAR HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION THAT HAS REMOVED EVERY TRACE OF STABILITY AND SECURITY AND REDUCED IT TO CHAOS. (COMMENT: IN DEFERENCE TO OSTENSIBLE ARAB UNIT AT NAC, SYRIA WAS APPARENTLY NOT ATTACKED BY NAME. NOR, SURPRISINGLY, DOES PRESIDENT SEEM TO HAVE MENTIONED LIBYA AND SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN IT NOW CONDUCTING AGAINST EGYPT.)

4. COMMENT: THESE ARE MOST INTEMPERATE PUBLIC REMAKRS THAT SADAT HAS MADE ON ISRAEL FOR MANY MONTHS. WE ASSUME ISRAELIS WILL SEIZE ON THEM FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. WHILE REGRETTABLE, THEY OUGHT TO VIEWED IN CONTEXT THE SETTING IN WHICH THEY TOOK PLACE AND PRESSURES ON SADAT TO CARVE OUT A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN NAC IN FACE OF OVERT ATTACKS UPON HIM FROM SYRIA AND LIBYA AND (IN HIS EYES) MORE DANGEROUS MACHINATIONS OF USSR, NOT TO MENTION GROWING DISCONTENT OVER DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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